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DESTABILIZE NON-SPECIFIC DUPLEX
FORMATION AND USES THEREOF

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated May 28, 2004, for which a response is due on June 28, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicants have elected Species (1) in a previous response (filed March 9, 2004). The Examiner has required a further election between the following species:

Species (3): a method for reducing mispriming during 5' RACE; and,

Species (4): a method for reducing mispriming during 3' RACE.

Applicants hereby further elect Species (4).

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits. The Applicants note that, as indicated by the Examiner, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim (37 CFR 1.141). The Applicants assert that the species encompassed by the dependent claims represent a reasonable number of species.